

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 4, 2002 - 5:30 P. M., Board Room

Judy H. Cox, President, Presiding

The School Board of the Parish of Lafayette, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at its meeting place, the Lafayette Parish School Board Administrative Building, Board Room, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, December 4, 2002 at 5:30 P. M., pursuant to notice given in writing to every member.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy H. Cox, President, Michael C. Hefner, Vice-President; Kay Gibson, John Earl Guidry, Rickey Hardy, Carl LaCombe (arrived late), Edward J. Sam, David G. Thibodaux, Beverly Wilson, Board Members; James H. Easton, Secretary-Treasurer/Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. MEETING OPENINGS

The meeting was called to order by Cox and opened with a prayer by Cox. Hefner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board recognized the N. P. Moss Middle School Chorus who performed Christmas carols under the direction of Ms. Fayester Foulcard.

III. CORRECTIONS AND/OR APPROVAL OF BOARD/COMMITTEE MINUTES

A. CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES OF:

a. Regular Board Meeting of 11/20/02

Motion (Hardy, Sam) that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 20, 2002 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF:

a. None

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF BILLS October, 2002

- General Fund \$11,455,263.59
- Special Revenues 57,987.55
- Adult Education 59,949.31
- Consolidated Other Federal 11,009.40
- Special Education 237,405.39
- Bond Sinking Fund 708.54
- Consolidated School District #1 265.01
- Self-Funded Construction 94,368.61
- Construction Account 1999 Bond -0-
- Construction Account 2001 Bond 469,861.61
- IASA Title I (Federal Programs) 78,495.72
- Child Development 59,834.84
- IASA Title II/Title IV/Title VI 110,850.88
- School Food Service 319,105.71
- Capital Improvement 182,961.59
- Employee Insurance Fund 2,077,155.35
- LPSB General & Auto Loss Fund 20,300.26
- LPSB Workmen's Compensation 99,059.78

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$15,334,583.14

Motion (Hefner, Wilson) that the Board approve the ratification of bills for October, 2002. Motion carried.

B. OTHER REPORTS

a. Approval of Sales Tax Collection Report for October, 2002

Motion (Hardy, Wilson) that the Board receive the Sales Tax Collection Report for October, 2002 as presented. Motion carried.

V. REPORTS/INFORMATION/INTRODUCTION ITEMS

A. INFORMATION REPORTS

a. Curriculum Update

Carla Nelson, Supervisor of Media Center and Libraries, provided the Board with an update about the Media Center. This year twenty-six (26) schools and fifty-four (54) parent volunteers have signed up to work at the Center.

She also informed the Board that new libraries have been established at the W.D. Smith Career Center, N. P. Moss Annex, CAPS/LAPS/Charter High and J. Wallace James Elementary schools.

B. INTRODUCTION ITEMS

- a. None

C. OTHER REPORTS

- a. None

D. ADDITION TO AGENDA

Motion (Gibson, Guidry) that the Board add to the agenda Cancellation of December 18, 2002 Regular Board Meeting, and Rescheduling of January, 2003 meetings. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CHANGES

PERSONNEL CHANGES

RESIGNATIONS:

- BOX, Angela, Teacher - Home Ec. - Lafayette Middle (**Eff. EOD 11/22/2002**)
- BOUDREAUX, Melissa, Teacher - Pre-K - G. T. Lindon Elem. (**Eff. EOD 12/20/2002**)

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- **THO3** - HEMLEBEN, Deborah, USL, 26 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Option 3 - (Pre-GED/Skills) - W. D. Smith Career Center (**Eff. 11/06/2002 - 05/30/2003**) **AC# 01.1447..711249**
- **TEK** - BODIN, Amy, BS-MSU, 5 Yrs. Exp., Teacher - Kdgn. - Prairie Elem. (**Eff. 11/18/2002 - 05/30/2003**) - **AC# 01.1601..711202**

MILITARY LEAVE:

THIBODEAUX, Durward, Teacher - Comeaux High (**Eff. 11/17/2002 - 12/19/2002**)

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

ANDRUS, Jennifer, Teacher - Fifth - E. A. Martin Middle (**Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003**)

SABBATICAL LEAVES:

- JENSEN, Gena, Teacher - Lang. Arts - Acadian Middle (**Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003**)
- MEAUX, Nanette, Teacher - Social Studies/Lang. Arts - Acadian Middle (**Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003**)

- BROUSSARD, Rob, Asst. Prin. - Broussard Middle (Eff. 01/28/2003 - 05/30/2003)
- ANDREPONT, Robin, Teacher - Fifth - Charles Burke Elem. (Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003)
- LABIT, Lauralee, Teacher - Lang. Arts - Carencro Middle (Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003)
- ST. AMAND, Susan, Teacher - Math - Lafayette High (Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003)
- MELOCHE, Katherine, Teacher - Science/Reading - Lafayette Middle (Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003)
- GUILBEAU, Vicki, Teacher - Social Studies/Reading - E. A. Martin Middle (Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003)
- TARRANT, Brian, Teacher - SS - N. P. Middle (Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003)
- FISHER, Phyllis, Teacher - Vocal Music - Myrtle Place Elem. (Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003)
- FRANCES, Cynthia, Teacher - Kdgn. - Vermilion Elem. (Eff. 01/23/2003 - 05/30/2003)

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

MITCHELL, Evelyn, Teacher - Teacher - Third - Evangeline Elem. (Eff. 01/10/2003)

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT:

ETEVS - CHANEY, Ashley, Tea. Asst. - Even Start - N. P. Moss Annex (Eff. 11/13/2002) - AC# 35.35120..711252..0115

SERVICE RETIREMENT:

ARCHIBALD, Jonelle, Federal Program Coordinator (Eff. 12/11/2002)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RETURNING FROM LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

ETA - PHILLIPS, Bee-Lay, Tea. Asst. - E. A. Martin Middle/Youngsville Middle (Eff. 12/02/2002) - AC# 01.1601..711225

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

- ETSSE - BOLLIICH, Benjamin, Tea. Asst. - Broussard Middle (Eff. 11/18/2002) AC# 01.1602..711219
- ETSSE - WIGGINS, Shane, Tea. Asst. - Comeaux High (Eff. 12/19/2002) AC# 01.1602..711219

- **ETSSE - CORMIER, Linda, Tea. Asst. - Vermilion Elem. (Eff. 11/21/2002)AC# 01.1602..711219**

TRANSFER:

ETSSE - SMITH, Debra, from Tea. Asst. - Broussard Middle to Tea. Asst. - Woodvale Elem. (Eff. 11/18/2002) - AC# 01.1602..711219

RETURNING FROM LEAVE WITHOUT PAY:

ETAF - BILLEAUDEAUX, Michelle, Tea. Asst. - Myrtle Place Elem. (Eff. 01/06/2003)AC# 50.50591.0005.711218..0115

B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-02-1392 - ATTENDANCE AWARENESS WEEK

That the Board adopt Resolution 12-02-1392 - Attendance Awareness Week.

RESOLUTION - 12-02-1392

WHEREAS, the children of our city, parish, state, and nation are our most valued resource; and,

WHEREAS, as such, we shoulder the awesome responsibility of providing all children, regardless of race, creed, national origin, abilities or disabilities, with every resource we possess to ensure their growth as educated, responsible, and caring individuals; and,

WHEREAS, the Truancy Assessment and Service Center staff in conjunction with the staff from the office of Census and Attendance, Lafayette Parish School Board, are cognizant of the need for children to attend school regularly to develop educationally, emotionally, and socially; and,

WHEREAS, all the people of the city of Lafayette join with teachers, Lafayette Parish School Board officials, and Lafayette Consolidated Government in encouraging our students to attend school regularly; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board does hereby proclaim the week of December 9-13, 2002 as

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS WEEK

in the parish of Lafayette, Louisiana and encourage all schools to plan and develop activities to recognize the hundreds of students that attend our schools regularly.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of Lafayette Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted at its Regular Board Meeting of December 4, 2002, at which time a quorum was present and that same is in full force and effect.

Dated at Lafayette, Louisiana this 4th day of December, 2002.

/s/James H. Easton, Ed.D., Secretary-Treasurer

LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-02-1393 TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

That the Board adopt Resolution 12-02-1393 Textbook Adoptions and Allocations.

RESOLUTION -12-02-1393

TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

WHEREAS, school boards throughout the state are experiencing difficulty in providing new textbooks because of the increasing costs; and,

WHEREAS, the monies allocated to school systems through the MFP are not sufficient to cover the increased cost of these textbooks; and,

WHEREAS, the textbook adoption cycle established by the State of Louisiana does not coincide with the states for whom textbook companies make major editorial revisions; and,

WHEREAS, parishes must purchase new textbooks adopted and replace worn textbooks with allocated monies which are insufficient; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board petition the Louisiana School Boards Association to sponsor legislation which will change the textbook adoption cycle to coincide with major states, and allocate sufficient funds to cover the increased actual cost of books; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to all Superintendents throughout the state.

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D. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-02-1394 TEACHER TUITION EXEMPTION PROGRAM

That the Board adopt Resolution 12-02-1394 Teacher Tuition Exemption Program.

RESOLUTION - 12-02-1394

TEACHER TUITION EXEMPTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Teacher Tuition Exemption Program has been funded by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education through the 8(g) Quality Education Assurance Fund at a static level of \$3.1 million for the last three years; and,

WHEREAS, the Tuition Exemption Program has paid the tuition costs of hundreds of Lafayette teachers who have returned to Louisiana colleges and universities to expand the base of knowledge in their subject area or to gain certification; and,

WHEREAS, due to increasing tuition and fee costs at colleges and universities fewer teachers can participate in this program each year if it is funded at the same level; and,

WHEREAS, additional 8(g) funds will become available during the next fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish School Board endorses the Teacher Tuition Exemption Program as a valuable resource for teachers to avail themselves in acquiring new skills or needed certification in critical shortage areas as determined by the parish; and,

WHEREAS, site based administrators supervise the teachers of all programs in their schools and may have had little experience with certain areas, to allow administrators to use the Tuition Exemption Program to pay the cost of upgrading their skills in the critical shortage areas as determined by the parish; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board endorse a funding level increase for Teacher Tuition Exemption and that the selection of critical shortage areas be restored to the local parishes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to all Superintendents throughout the State.

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E. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-02-1395 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

That the Board adopt Resolution 12-02-1395 Early Childhood Education for All Students.

Wilson requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

F. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-02-1396 DISCIPLINE I

That the Board adopt Resolution 12-02-1396 Discipline I.

Item pulled from agenda.

G. APPROVAL OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET REVISION #1 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

That the Board approve the Capital Improvement Fund Budget Revision #1 Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

H. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS BUDGET REVISION #1 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

That the Board approve the Special Revenue Funds Budget Revision #1 Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

I. APPROVAL OF SELF-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION AND BOND FUNDS BUDGET REVISION #1 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

That the Board approve the Self-Funded Construction and Bond Funds Budget Revision #1 Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

J. APPROVAL OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2002, AND RESCHEDULING OF JANUARY, 2003 MEETINGS

That the Board approve the cancellation of the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2002, and Rescheduling of January, 2003 meetings.

LaCombe requested that this item be pulled for discussion.

Motion (Gibson, Guidry) that the Board approve Action Items A, B, C, D, G, H and I, and that Actions Items E, and J be pulled for discussion, and that Action Item F be pulled from the agenda. Motion carried.

E. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-02-1395 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

Motion (Gibson, Thibodaux) that the Board adopt Resolution 12-02-1395 Early Childhood Education for All Students as amended. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - 12-02-1395

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

WHEREAS, early childhood education can provide a positive beginning to enhance the academic achievement of students, as shown on student test scores; and,

WHEREAS, early identification of high-risk students has been shown to reduce student dropout; and,

WHEREAS, early childhood education should ease the transition of preschool children into the academic climate; and,

WHEREAS, the parent involvement component of the early childhood program has helped increase parent knowledge and home/school coordination; and,

WHEREAS, all children in Louisiana need to be given the opportunity to experience success in the educational environment; and,

WHEREAS, early childhood program participants now in kindergarten through third grade indicate that eighty-four percent (84%) of these students are on grade level in terms of their progression through school; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lafayette Parish School Board petition the Louisiana School Boards Association to sponsor legislation which will provide early childhood

education funding in areas of facilities, staffing, equipment, **transportation** and evaluation, for state mandated programs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana School Boards Association, to the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Lafayette Legislative Delegation, to the State Superintendent of Public Education, to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to all Superintendents throughout the state.

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J. APPROVAL OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2002, AND RESCHEDULING OF JANUARY 2003 MEETINGS

Motion (Thibodaux, Guidry) that the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2002 be cancelled and that the Regular Board Meetings of January, 2003 be rescheduled on January 8, 2003 and January 22, 2003 because of the Christmas and New Year's Holiday schedule. Motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made by the Public. No action was taken.

B. BOARD PRESIDENT/MEMBERS

Comments were made by the Board. No action was taken.

C. SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent thanked Mrs. Judy Cox, Board President, for bringing an air of dignity to the President's chair this year by striving to do the right thing and never shying away from tough questions or tough decisions. Mrs. Cox has truly been a Principle-Centered Leader and has served the Lafayette Parish School

System honorably and brought laughter and a sense of humor to her role as president.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Gibson, seconded by Thibodaux and carried that the meeting adjourn.

SIGNED:

/s/Judy H. Cox, President /s/James H. Easton, Ed.D., Secretary-Treasurer

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